

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00876-TNM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/27/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| 03/27/2019 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6025105) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/27/2019) |
| 03/27/2019 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 03/27/2019)  |
| 03/27/2019 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/27/2019)   |
| 03/27/2019 | <u>3</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/27/2019)   |

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| 03/28/2019 | <u>4</u>  | STANDING ORDER Establishing Procedures for Cases Before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are hereby ORDERED to read and comply with the directives in the attached standing order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 03/28/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 03/28/2019)   |
| 04/02/2019 | <u>5</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/1/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/1/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/1/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 4/1/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 04/02/2019)   |
| 05/01/2019 | <u>6</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Clark, Denise) (Entered: 05/01/2019)  |
| 05/01/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court are a Complaint and an Answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff, whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case, whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the Joint Status Report on or before June 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 05/1/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 05/01/2019) |
| 05/01/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/3/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 05/01/2019)  |
| 05/31/2019 | <u>7</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 05/31/2019)   |
| 06/04/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon considering the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ordered that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on or before August 2, 2019. The Joint Status Report should inform the Court about the Defendant's processing of the Plaintiff's request and how the parties wish to proceed in this matter. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 06/04/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 06/04/2019)   |
| 06/04/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/2/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 06/04/2019)  |
| 08/02/2019 | <u>8</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 08/02/2019)   |
| 08/05/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report on or before October 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/5/2019. (lctnm1) (Entered: 08/05/2019)  |
| 08/05/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/2/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 08/05/2019)   |
| 10/02/2019 | <u>9</u>  | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 10/02/2019)   |
| 10/02/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are hereby ORDERED to file a further Joint Status Report on or before February 3, 2020. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 10/2/2019. (lctnm2) (Entered: 10/02/2019)  |
| 10/03/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/3/2020. (hmc) (Entered: 10/03/2019)  |
| 11/27/2019 | <u>10</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Michelle D. Jackson on behalf of All Defendants Substituting for attorney Denise M. Clark (Jackson, Michelle) (Entered: 11/27/2019)   |